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HEARING AID COMPRISING AN
ARRAY OF MICROPHONES

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with Rules 1.97 and 1.98, and in fulfillment of the duty of disclosure under Rule 1.56, the accompanying documents, copies of which are attached to this statement, are made of record on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

A concise explanation of the relevance of these items is that these references were cited by the European Patent Office in corresponding European proceedings.

DE 29 48 847 discloses a hearing aid in the form of a behind-the-ear hearing apparatus that can be connected to a spectacles frame by means of an adaptor. Figure 1 shows a total view of an end portion of an arm of a pair of spectacles that is attached to such an adaptor. Figure 2 shows a bottom view of such an adaptor. Figure 3 is a side view of the adaptor seen from the left side, whereas Figure 4 is a side view

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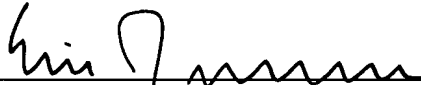
from the right side. Figure 5 shows a side view. The hearing aid is indicated with reference sign 4.

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